

REMARKS

The final Office Action mailed April 17, 2007 has been carefully reviewed and the foregoing amendment has been made in consequence thereof.

Claims 1-16 are now pending in this application. Claims 1-16 stand rejected.

The rejection of Claims 1, 2, 4-6, and 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over U.S. Patent 6,499,227 to Jacobson (hereinafter referred to as "Jacobson") in view of U.S. Patent Application Pub. No. 2004/0084495 to Rudeen et al. (hereinafter referred to as "Rudeen") or U.S. Patent 5,934,530 to Antczak et al. (hereinafter referred to as "Antczak") is respectfully traversed.

Jacobson describes a sports glove drying device. More specifically, Jacobson describes a securing strap (35) that couples an accessory (10) to a pole (20) of a golf cart (15). A second end (32) of securing strap (35) wraps around pole (20) and is pulled through a latch (70) to secure strap (35) against pole (20). A first end (34) of securing strap (35) extends a distance outwardly from pole (20) and away from golf cart (15). A card (40) is coupled to and suspended from the portion of securing strap (35) extending outwardly from pole (20). Card (40) includes a glove attachment device (50) for securing the glove thereto to facilitate drying the glove. Notably, Jacobson does not describe or suggest an apparatus that includes a body substantially concentrically aligned with a centerline axis of symmetry that is coaxial to a longitudinal axis defined by a support of a golf cart. Further, Jacobson does not describe or suggest an apparatus that includes a body inner surface that remains in substantial contact against an external surface of a golf cart support during operation of the golf cart. Additionally, Jacobson does not describe or suggest a first fastening mechanism coupled to the body inner surface and the golf cart support.

Rudeen describes a carrier device (100) that attaches to an individual's apparel such that all of the accessory items are conveniently accessible during a game of golf. Device (100) engages an individual's belt or the top of the individual's pants. Carrier device (100)

includes a glove attachment surface (210) that is configured to engage a portion of a golf glove such that the glove can be stored when not being used by the individual.

Antczak describes a golf accessory organizer that allows a golfer to carry and easily access golf items. The organizer includes a supporting member (1) that is curved to substantially conform to a golfer's waist and is designed to attach to a belt or waistband using a clip (23). Supporting member (1) also includes a hook and loop area (19) for attaching a golf glove (53).

Applicant respectfully submits that the Section 103 rejection is not a proper rejection because the cited art does not provide some teaching, suggestion, or incentive that supports combining the cited art. As is well established, obviousness cannot be established by combining the teachings of the cited art to produce the claimed invention, absent some teaching, suggestion, or incentive supporting the combination. In contrast to the assertion within the Office Action, Applicant respectfully submits that it would not be obvious to one skilled in the art to combine Jacobson with Rudeen and/or Antczak because there is no teaching, motivation, or suggestion to combine the references. The Examiner has only provided the conclusory statement that it would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to "substitute the golf accessory carrier/organizer of Rudeen et al. or Antczak et al. for the glove coupling apparatus 35 of Jacobson in order to facilitate coupling and removing glove to the golf cart." Applicant traverses this assertion. It would not have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to modify or combine Jacobson with Rudeen and/or Antczak. For example, Jacobson, describes an accessory that includes a member to which a golf glove is coupled, wherein the member extends outwardly from a golf cart support. Rudeen and Antczak merely describe golf accessory organizers that attach to a golfer's waist, allowing the golfer to access golf items while playing. One having ordinary skill in the art, after reviewing the cited references, would not be motivated to combine the references because they have separate functionalities and purposes.

Since there is no teaching or suggestion in the cited art for the combination, the Section 103 rejection appears to be based on a hindsight reconstruction in which isolated

disclosures have been picked and chosen in an attempt to deprecate the present invention. Of course, such a combination is impermissible, and for this reason alone, Applicant requests that the Section 103 rejection be withdrawn.

Moreover, and to the extent understood, none of Jacobson, Rudeen, and Antczak, considered alone or in combination, describes or suggests the claimed invention. Specifically, Claim 1 recites a golf cart, wherein the golf cart comprises “a support having at least one external surface and defining a longitudinal axis; and an apparatus for coupling a glove to said support, said apparatus defining a centerline axis of symmetry extending between a first end and an opposing second end of said apparatus, said centerline axis of symmetry coaxial with said longitudinal axis, said apparatus comprising a body comprising an inner surface and an outer surface, said body substantially concentrically aligned with said centerline axis of symmetry and coupled to said golf cart such that said inner surface remains in substantial contact against said at least one external surface during operation of said golf cart, said body comprising at least one first fastening mechanism coupled to said body inner surface, said at least one first fastening mechanism coupling said body to said support, said body outer surface comprising at least one second fastening mechanism for removably coupling the glove directly to said body such that the glove remains coupled to said apparatus during operation of said golf cart.”

None of Jacobson, Rudeen, and Antczak, considered alone or in combination, describes or suggests a golf cart as recited in Claim 1. More specifically, none of Jacobson, Rudeen, and Antczak, considered alone or in combination, describes or suggests (1) a body substantially concentrically aligned with a centerline axis of symmetry that is coaxial to a longitudinal axis defined by a support of a golf cart, (2) a body coupled to the golf cart such that the body inner surface remains in substantial contact against an external surface of the support of the golf cart, or (3) a first fastening mechanism coupling the body inner surface to the support of the golf cart, as required by Applicant’s claimed invention. Rather, in contrast to the present invention, Jacobson describes an accessory that includes a member to which a golf glove is coupled, wherein the member extends outwardly from a golf cart support. Because the member extends outwardly from the golf cart support, it is not substantially

concentrically aligned with a centerline axis of symmetry that is coaxial to a longitudinal axis defined by a support of a golf cart. Moreover, because the member extends outwardly from the golf cart support, it is not in substantial contact against the golf cart support. Further, the member inner surface as described in the Office Action (“facing the external surface 20 of golf cart 15”) is not coupled to the golf cart support. Rather, referring to Figure 2 of Jacobson, the front face (not numbered) of card (40) is coupled via holes (66) and prongs (65) which extend from strap (35). Rudeen and Antczak merely describe golf accessory organizers that attach to a golfer’s waist, allowing the golfer to access golf items while playing.

Accordingly, for at least the reasons set forth above, Claim 1 is submitted to be patentable over Jacobson alone, and Jacobson in view of Rudeen or Antczak.

Claims 2 and 4-6 depend directly from independent Claim 1. When the recitations of Claims 2 and 4-6 are considered in combination with the recitations of Claim 1, Applicant submits that dependent Claims 2 and 4-6 likewise are patentable over Jacobson alone, and Jacobson in view of Rudeen or Antczak.

For at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully requests that the Section 102 and the alternative Section 103 rejections of Claims 1, 2 and 4-6 be withdrawn.

The rejection of Claims 1-12 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over U.S. Patent 5,983,518 to Ellenburg (hereinafter referred to as “Ellenburg”) in view of Rudeen or Antczak is respectfully traversed.

Rudeen and Antczak are described above. Ellenburg describes a golf glove dryer (10) that attaches to a golf cart. Golf glove dryer (10) includes a hollow shell (12) having a first open end (14) and a second open end (16). A shaft (19) extends outwardly from a clamp (20) to couple to hollow shell (12). Clamp (20) is coupled to a roof support (32) of the golf cart such that hollow shell (12) is positioned exterior to the golf cart. A glove (36) is positioned over second end (16) and glove wrist fastener (38) is secured to glove wrist portion (40)

thereby securing glove (36) around hollow shell (12). Cross members (18) hold glove (36) in an open position, allowing air flow through hollow shell (12) into glove (36). Notably, Ellenburg does not describe or suggest an apparatus that includes a body substantially concentrically aligned with a centerline axis of symmetry that is coaxial to a longitudinal axis defined by a support of a golf cart.

Applicant respectfully submits that the Section 103 rejection is not a proper rejection because the cited art does not provide some teaching, suggestion, or incentive that supports combining the cited art. As is well established, obviousness cannot be established by combining the teachings of the cited art to produce the claimed invention, absent some teaching, suggestion, or incentive supporting the combination. In contrast to the assertion within the Office Action, Applicant respectfully submits that it would not be obvious to one skilled in the art to combine Ellenburg with Rudeen and/or Antczak because there is no teaching, motivation, or suggestion to combine the references. The Examiner has only provided the conclusory statement that it would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to “substitute the golf accessory carrier/organizer of Rudeen et al. or Antczak et al. for the glove coupling apparatus 10 of Ellenburg in order to facilitate coupling and removing glove to the golf cart.” Applicant traverses this assertion. It would not have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to modify or combine Ellenburg with Rudeen and/or Antczak. For example, Ellenburg describes a device having a member extending outwardly from a golf cart support in order to dry a golf glove. Rudeen and Antczak merely describe golf accessory organizers that attach to a golfer’s waist, allowing the golfer to access golf items while playing. One having ordinary skill in the art, after reviewing the cited references, would not be motivated to combine the references because they have separate functionalities and purposes.

Since there is no teaching or suggestion in the cited art for the combination, the Section 103 rejection appears to be based on a hindsight reconstruction in which isolated disclosures have been picked and chosen in an attempt to deprecate the present invention. Of course, such a combination is impermissible, and for this reason alone, Applicant requests that the Section 103 rejection be withdrawn.

Moreover, and to the extent understood, none of Ellenburg, Rudeen, and Antczak, considered alone or in combination, describes or suggests the claimed invention. Claim 1 recites a golf cart, wherein the golf cart comprises “a support having at least one external surface and defining a longitudinal axis; and an apparatus for coupling a glove to said support, said apparatus defining a centerline axis of symmetry extending between a first end and an opposing second end of said apparatus, said centerline axis of symmetry coaxial with said longitudinal axis, said apparatus comprising a body comprising an inner surface and an outer surface, said body substantially concentrically aligned with said centerline axis of symmetry and coupled to said golf cart such that said inner surface remains in substantial contact against said at least one external surface during operation of said golf cart, said body comprising at least one first fastening mechanism coupled to said body inner surface, said at least one first fastening mechanism coupling said body to said support, said body outer surface comprising at least one second fastening mechanism for removably coupling the glove directly to said body such that the glove remains coupled to said apparatus during operation of said golf cart.”

None of Ellenburg, Rudeen, and Antczak, considered alone or in combination, describes or suggests a golf cart as recited in Claim 1. More specifically, none of Ellenburg, Rudeen, and Antczak, considered alone or in combination, describes or suggests a body substantially concentrically aligned with a centerline axis of symmetry that is coaxial to a longitudinal axis defined by a support of a golf cart, as required by Applicant’s claimed invention. Rather, in contrast to the present invention, Ellenburg describes a device having a member extending outwardly from a golf cart support in order to dry a golf glove. A glove is positioned over second end (16) and glove wrist fastener (38) is secured to glove wrist portion (40) thereby securing the glove around hollow shell (12). However, shell (12) is coupled by shaft (19) to clamp (20) which secures shell (12) to a golf cart support in a perpendicular position with respect to the support. Rudeen and Antczak merely describe golf accessory organizers that attach to a golfer’s waist, allowing the golfer to access golf items while playing.

Accordingly, for at least the reasons set forth above, Claim 1 is submitted to be patentable over Ellenburg alone, and Ellenburg in view of Rudeen or Antczak.

Claims 2-6 depend directly from independent Claim 1. When the recitations of Claims 2-6 are considered in combination with the recitations of Claim 1, Applicant submits that dependent Claims 2-6 likewise are patentable over Ellenburg alone, and Ellenburg in view of Rudeen or Antczak.

Claim 7 recites a golf cart, wherein the golf cart comprises “a passenger compartment; a dashboard adjacent to said passenger compartment; a roof extending over at least a portion of said passenger compartment; a support defining a longitudinal axis, said support extending from at least one of said passenger compartment, said dashboard, and said roof; and a glove drying system coupled to an external surface of said support, said glove drying system defining a centerline axis of symmetry extending between a first end and an opposing second end of said system, said centerline axis of symmetry coaxial with said longitudinal axis of said support, said system comprising a body comprising an inner surface and an outer surface, said body substantially concentrically aligned with said centerline axis of symmetry and coupled to said support such that substantially all of said inner surface remains against said support external surface during operation of said golf cart, said body outer surface comprises at least one fastening mechanism for removably coupling an outer surface of a glove directly to said system such that the glove remains coupled to said fastening mechanism between said first end and said second end during operation of said golf cart.”

None of Ellenburg, Rudeen, and Antczak, considered alone or in combination, describes or suggests a golf cart as recited in Claim 7. More specifically, none of Ellenburg, Rudeen, and Antczak, considered alone or in combination, describes or suggests a body substantially concentrically aligned with a centerline axis of symmetry that is coaxial to a longitudinal axis defined by a support of a golf cart, as required by Applicant's claimed invention. Rather, in contrast to the present invention, Ellenburg describes a device having a member extending outwardly from a golf cart support in order to dry a golf glove. A glove is positioned over second end (16) and glove wrist fastener (38) is secured to glove wrist portion (40) thereby securing the glove around hollow shell (12). However, shell (12) is

coupled by shaft (19) to clamp (20) which secures shell (12) to a golf cart support in a perpendicular position with respect to the support. Rudeen and Antczak merely describe golf accessory organizers that attach to a golfer's waist, allowing the golfer to access golf items while playing.

Accordingly, for at least the reasons set forth above, Claim 7 is submitted to be patentable over Ellenburg alone, and Ellenburg in view of Rudeen or Antczak.

Claims 8-12 depend directly from independent Claim 7. When the recitations of Claims 8-12 are considered in combination with the recitations of Claim 7, Applicant submits that dependent Claims 8-12 likewise are patentable over Ellenburg alone, and Ellenburg in view of Rudeen or Antczak.

Claim 16 recites an apparatus for coupling a golf glove to a support of a golf cart, the support having at least one external surface and defining a longitudinal axis. The apparatus defines a centerline axis of symmetry extending between a first end and an opposing second end of said apparatus and coaxial with the longitudinal axis of the support. The apparatus comprises "a body comprising an inner surface and an outer surface, and at least one first fastening mechanism coupled to said body inner surface for coupling said body to the support, said body outer surface comprising at least one second fastening mechanism for removably coupling the glove directly to said body, said body substantially concentrically aligned with said centerline axis of symmetry."

None of Ellenburg, Rudeen, and Antczak, considered alone or in combination, describes or suggests an apparatus for coupling a golf glove to a support of a golf cart as recited in Claim 16. More specifically, none of Ellenburg, Rudeen, and Antczak, considered alone or in combination, describes or suggests a body substantially concentrically aligned with a centerline axis of symmetry that is coaxial to a longitudinal axis defined by a support of a golf cart, as required by Applicant's claimed invention. Rather, in contrast to the present invention, Ellenburg describes a device having a member extending outwardly from a golf cart support in order to dry a golf glove. A glove is positioned over second end (16) and glove wrist fastener (38) is secured to glove wrist portion (40) thereby securing the glove

around hollow shell (12). However, shell (12) is coupled by shaft (19) to clamp (20) which secures shell (12) to a golf cart support in a perpendicular position with respect to the support. Rudeen and Antczak merely describe golf accessory organizers that attach to a golfer's waist, allowing the golfer to access golf items while playing.

Accordingly, for at least the reasons set forth above, Claim 16 is submitted to be patentable over Ellenburg alone, and Ellenburg in view of Rudeen or Antczak.

For at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully requests that the Section 102 and the alternative Section 103 rejections of Claims 1-12 and 16 be withdrawn.

The rejection of Claims 1-16 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0138953 to Passafiume (hereinafter referred to as "Passafiume") in view of Rudeen or Antczak is respectfully traversed.

Rudeen and Antczak are described above. Passafiume describes a golf glove holder (10) adapted to be mounted to a golf cart frame member (12). Golf glove holder (10) includes a main body (30) and an attachment member (50) affixed to main body (30) for attachment of golf glove holder (10) to golf cart body frame member (12). The golf glove holder is configured to releasably hold an interior wrist sweat band of a golf glove (20) about main body (30) such that air flowing through main body (30) is directed into glove (20). Preferably, the golf glove holder comprises a strip (32) of nylon hook material adhesively affixed to an outer circumference of one end of main body (30). Strip (32) is adapted to releasably hold the golf glove wrist sweat band. Attachment member (50) is affixed to main body (30) and includes a clamp portion (52) for attachment to frame member (12). Preferably, clamp portion (52) is C-shaped in cross-section with flexible extending arms (56 and 58) adapted to wrap around a portion of frame member (12). An adjustable strap (64) extends between arms (56 and 58) to force the arms against frame member (12) thereby securing golf glove holder (10) to frame member (12). Notably, Passafiume does not describe or suggest an apparatus that includes an apparatus that includes a body substantially

concentrically aligned with a centerline axis of symmetry that is coaxial to a longitudinal axis defined by a support of a golf cart.

Applicant respectfully submits that the Section 103 rejection is not a proper rejection because the cited art does not provide some teaching, suggestion, or incentive that supports combining the cited art. As is well established, obviousness cannot be established by combining the teachings of the cited art to produce the claimed invention, absent some teaching, suggestion, or incentive supporting the combination. In contrast to the assertion within the Office Action, Applicant respectfully submits that it would not be obvious to one skilled in the art to combine Passafiume with Rudeen and/or Antczak because there is no teaching, motivation, or suggestion to combine the references. The Examiner has only provided the conclusory statement that it would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to “substitute the golf accessory carrier/organizer of Rudeen et al. or Antczak et al. for the glove coupling apparatus 10 of Passafiume in order to facilitate coupling and removing glove to the golf cart.” Applicant traverses this assertion. It would not have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to modify or combine Jacobson with Rudeen and/or Antczak. For example, Passafiume describes a device having a member extending outwardly from a golf cart support in order to dry a golf glove. Rudeen and Antczak merely describe golf accessory organizers that attach to a golfer’s waist, allowing the golfer to access golf items while playing. One having ordinary skill in the art, after reviewing the cited references, would not be motivated to combine the references because they have separate functionalities and purposes.

Since there is no teaching or suggestion in the cited art for the combination, the Section 103 rejection appears to be based on a hindsight reconstruction in which isolated disclosures have been picked and chosen in an attempt to deprecate the present invention. Of course, such a combination is impermissible, and for this reason alone, Applicant requests that the Section 103 rejection be withdrawn.

Claim 1 recites a golf cart, wherein the golf cart comprises “a support having at least one external surface and defining a longitudinal axis; and an apparatus for coupling a glove to said support, said apparatus defining a centerline axis of symmetry extending between a first

end and an opposing second end of said apparatus, said centerline axis of symmetry coaxial with said longitudinal axis, said apparatus comprising a body comprising an inner surface and an outer surface, said body substantially concentrically aligned with said centerline axis of symmetry and coupled to said golf cart such that said inner surface remains in substantial contact against said at least one external surface during operation of said golf cart, said body comprising at least one first fastening mechanism coupled to said body inner surface, said at least one first fastening mechanism coupling said body to said support, said body outer surface comprising at least one second fastening mechanism for removably coupling the glove directly to said body such that the glove remains coupled to said apparatus during operation of said golf cart.”

None of Passafiume, Rudeen, and Antczak, considered alone or in combination, describes or suggests a golf cart as recited in Claim 1. More specifically, none of Passafiume, Rudeen, and Antczak, considered alone or in combination, describes or suggests a body substantially concentrically aligned with a centerline axis of symmetry that is coaxial to a longitudinal axis defined by a support of a golf cart, as required by Applicant’s claimed invention. Rather, in contrast to the present invention, Passafiume describes a golf glove holder that includes a main body and an attachment member affixed to main body. A separate attachment member (30) that itself is removably coupled to the main body (50) such that the attachment member (30) is perpendicular with respect to the a golf cart support. Rudeen and Antczak merely describe golf accessory organizers that attach to a golfer’s waist, allowing the golfer to access golf items while playing.

Accordingly, for at least the reasons set forth above, Claim 1 is submitted to be patentable over Passafiume alone, and Passafiume in view of Rudeen or Antczak.

Claims 2-6 depend directly from independent Claim 1. When the recitations of Claims 2-6 are considered in combination with the recitations of Claim 1, Applicant submits that dependent Claims 2-6 likewise are patentable over Passafiume alone, and Passafiume in view of Rudeen or Antczak.

Claim 7 recites a golf cart, wherein the golf cart comprises “a passenger compartment; a dashboard adjacent to said passenger compartment; a roof extending over at least a portion of said passenger compartment; a support defining a longitudinal axis, said support extending from at least one of said passenger compartment, said dashboard, and said roof; and a glove drying system coupled to an external surface of said support, said glove drying system defining a centerline axis of symmetry extending between a first end and an opposing second end of said system, said centerline axis of symmetry coaxial with said longitudinal axis of said support, said system comprising a body comprising an inner surface and an outer surface, said body substantially concentrically aligned with said centerline axis of symmetry and coupled to said support such that substantially all of said inner surface remains against said support external surface during operation of said golf cart, said body outer surface comprises at least one fastening mechanism for removably coupling an outer surface of a glove directly to said system such that the glove remains coupled to said fastening mechanism between said first end and said second end during operation of said golf cart.”

None of Passafiume, Rudeen, and Antczak, considered alone or in combination, describes or suggests a golf cart as recited in Claim 7. More specifically, none of Passafiume, Rudeen, and Antczak, considered alone or in combination, describes or suggests a body substantially concentrically aligned with a centerline axis of symmetry that is coaxial to a longitudinal axis defined by a support of a golf cart, as required by Applicant’s claimed invention. Rather, in contrast to the present invention, Passafiume describes a golf glove holder that includes a main body and an attachment member affixed to main body. A separate attachment member (30) that itself is removably coupled to the main body (50) such that the attachment member (30) is perpendicular with respect to the a golf cart support. Rudeen and Antczak merely describe golf accessory organizers that attach to a golfer’s waist, allowing the golfer to access golf items while playing.

Accordingly, for at least the reasons set forth above, Claim 7 is submitted to be patentable over Passafiume alone, and Passafiume in view of Rudeen or Antczak.

Claims 8-12 depend directly from independent Claim 7. When the recitations of Claims 8-12 are considered in combination with the recitations of Claim 7, Applicant submits

that dependent Claims 8-12 likewise are patentable over Passafiume alone, and Passafiume in view of Rudeen or Antczak.

Claim 13 recites a method of drying a damp golf glove, wherein the method comprises “providing a golf glove drying system that includes a body having an inner surface and an outer surface extending between a first end and an opposite second end; coupling the golf glove drying system to a support of a golf cart such that substantially all of the body inner surface between the first end and the second end remains in contact with an external surface of the support during operation of the golf cart, the golf glove drying system coupled to the support such that the system defines a centerline axis of symmetry extending between the first end and the second end, wherein the centerline axis of symmetry is coaxial with a longitudinal axis defined by the support and the body is substantially concentrically aligned with the centerline axis of symmetry; securing the golf glove drying system to the external surface of the support using at least one first fastening mechanism adjacent the body first end and at least one second fastening mechanism adjacent the body second end; and removably coupling an outer surface of a golf glove to the golf cart using at least one integral third fastening mechanism extending from the body outer surface, such that the golf glove remains suspended from the golf glove drying system between the first end and the second end during operation of the golf cart.”

None of Passafiume, Rudeen, and Antczak, considered alone or in combination, describes or suggests a method of drying a damp golf glove as recited in Claim 13. More specifically, none of Passafiume, Rudeen, and Antczak, considered alone or in combination, describes or suggests a body substantially concentrically aligned with a centerline axis of symmetry that is coaxial to a longitudinal axis defined by a support of a golf cart, as required by Applicant’s claimed invention. Rather, in contrast to the present invention, Passafiume describes a golf glove holder that includes a main body and an attachment member affixed to main body. A separate attachment member (30) that itself is removably coupled to the main body (50) such that the attachment member (30) is perpendicular with respect to the a golf cart support. Rudeen and Antczak merely describe golf accessory organizers that attach to a golfer’s waist, allowing the golfer to access golf items while playing.

Accordingly, for at least the reasons set forth above, Claim 13 is submitted to be patentable over Passafiume alone, and Passafiume in view of Rudeen or Antczak.

Claims 14 and 15 depend directly from independent Claim 13. When the recitations of Claims 14 and 15 are considered in combination with the recitations of Claim 13, Applicant submits that dependent Claims 14 and 15 likewise are patentable over Passafiume alone, and Passafiume in view of Rudeen or Antczak.

Claim 16 recites an apparatus for coupling a golf glove to a support of a golf cart, the support having at least one external surface and defining a longitudinal axis. The apparatus defines a centerline axis of symmetry extending between a first end and an opposing second end of said apparatus and coaxial with the longitudinal axis of the support. The apparatus comprises “a body comprising an inner surface and an outer surface, and at least one first fastening mechanism coupled to said body inner surface for coupling said body to the support, said body outer surface comprising at least one second fastening mechanism for removably coupling the glove directly to said body, said body substantially concentrically aligned with said centerline axis of symmetry.”

None of Passafiume, Rudeen, and Antczak, considered alone or in combination, describes or suggests an apparatus for coupling a golf glove to a support of a golf cart, as recited in Claim 16. More specifically, none of Passafiume, Rudeen, and Antczak, considered alone or in combination, describes or suggests a body substantially concentrically aligned with a centerline axis of symmetry that is coaxial to a longitudinal axis defined by a support of a golf cart, as required by Applicant’s claimed invention. Rather, in contrast to the present invention, Passafiume describes a golf glove holder that includes a main body and an attachment member affixed to main body. A separate attachment member (30) that itself is removably coupled to the main body (50) such that the attachment member (30) is perpendicular with respect to the a golf cart support. Rudeen and Antczak merely describe golf accessory organizers that attach to a golfer’s waist, allowing the golfer to access golf items while playing.

Accordingly, for at least the reasons set forth above, Claim 16 is submitted to be patentable over Passafiume alone, and Passafiume in view of Rudeen or Antczak.

For at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully requests that the Section 102 and the alternative Section 103 rejections of Claims 1-16 be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all the claims now active in this application are believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

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